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MULTIPLEXING

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled *Apparatus and Method for Optical Add/Drop Multiplexing* by Mohammed N. Islam and Amos (nmi) Kuditcher, please amend the application as follows:

Marked up versions of the amendments to the specification are shown below. Replacement paragraphs are provided for the Examiner's convenience on the attached replacement pages.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to Application Serial Number 09/746,850, entitled "*Apparatus and Method for High Speed Optical Signal Processing*," filed on December 22, 2000; to Application Serial Number 09/746,125, entitled "*Apparatus and Method for Controlling*

Polarization of an Optical Signal," filed on December 22, 2000; and to Application Serial Number 09/746,813, entitled "*Apparatus and Method for Providing Gain Equalization*," filed on December 22, 2000. **These applications are commonly assigned to Celeste Optics, Inc.**

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application at Page 11, line 19, by inserting the following:

Page 11, line 19, delete "**FIGURES 2a-2d**" and insert **–FIGURES 2a-2c–**.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please enter the following changes to the drawings:

The drawings have been amended to have a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch).

A Letter to the Official Draftsman with the amended drawing is enclosed.

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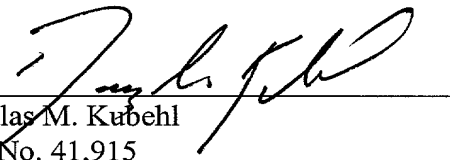
Early and favorable acceptance of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached: Replacement Pages

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